

## WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

Whether you are new to St Andrew's or worship here every week, it's great to see you today. We hope you will feel at home here. Please introduce yourself at the Welcome Point by the entrance to find out how we can help you settle in. Fill in the Newcomer Form on our website so we can get in contact with you.



## TODAY AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Please join us to pray for the services half an hour before each service in the Prayer Room (the 9am prayer is in the vestry).

**8am Holy Communion**  
**Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:3-17**

*Paul White*

**9.30am Family Worship**  
**Nehemiah 8:1-12, 18**

*James Dwyer*

With childrens groups (ages 0-11) and Pathfinders (ages 11-14)

**11.15am Morning Worship**  
**Nehemiah 8:1-12, 18**

*James Dwyer*

**3.30pm Cutteslowe Connected**  
Cutteslowe Community Centre

**6pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion**  
**Jesus: Better than Angels**  
**Hebrews 1:5-2:4**

*Paul White*

With children's group (ages 7-14) during the service and SAYGO youth group after the service.

## DIARY: 13TH–18TH JANUARY

**Monday 13th January**  
**9.30am Monday Mums**  
**8pm PCC meeting**

**Thursday 16th January**  
**8am Prayer for Cutteslowe**  
**12.30pm Lunch Club**

**Tuesday 14th January**  
**7.30am Seek First prayer meeting**  
**10am Baby & Toddler Grp**

**Friday 17th January**  
**7.30am Friday prayer**  
**7pm Pathfinders (youth group, school years 7-9)**

**Wednesday 15th January**  
**10am Baby & Toddler Grp**

**Saturday 18th January**  
**8am Prayer for Cutteslowe**  
**9.15am STAR Workshop**

**St Andrew's Church**  
N O R T H O X F O R D

**Sunday 12th January 2020**  
**The Baptism of Christ**

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Please submit items for future noticesheets **by Tuesday** of the preceding week.  
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## OXFORD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

*Help rough sleepers this winter – you can support OWNS in a number of different ways:*

### **Donate in-kind goods:**

*Juice (small individual bottles), Pot porridge, Tea, Pot noodles, Instant Coffee. Bring donations to church or take them directly to the OWNS office at St Clement's Centre, Cross Street, Oxford OX4 1DA. Please mark that they are donated to OWNS.*

### **Donate money:**

*OWNS are voluntarily aided. Donate online at [ownsoxford.org](http://ownsoxford.org) or if you wish to send a cheque, please make it out to Oxford Winter Night Shelter and send it to:*

*The Secretary OWNS, c/o St Michael at the North Gate, Cornmarket, OX1 3EY*

*For questions contact: [anne.allen07@gmail.com](mailto:anne.allen07@gmail.com).*

## BAPTISM/ CONFIRMATION

*We are holding our next baptism and confirmation service on Sunday 4 May, at 6pm. Preparation classes will start after Easter, dates TBC. If you are interested in being baptised and/or confirmed, please contact:*

*James Dwyer [james.dwyer@standrewsoxford.org](mailto:james.dwyer@standrewsoxford.org)  
(adults)*

*Ryan Torrie [ryan.torrie@standrewsoxford.org](mailto:ryan.torrie@standrewsoxford.org)  
(11-18s).*

## HOME FOCUS: NORTH OXFORD OVERSEAS CENTRE

The North Oxford Overseas Centre (NOOC) provides accommodation for international post-graduate students, researchers and visiting scholars. Residents of all cultural and religious backgrounds are welcome.

The Centre has a Christian foundation, it seeks to glorify God and demonstrate God's love in practical ways. For example by arranging social and cultural activities as well as bible studies.

The Centre meets the great need for affordable housing in Oxford but it also allows residents to enjoy a friendly environment and being part of a welcoming community where they can encounter Christ's love through Christian hospitality.

### **Thank God for:**

- Settled residents this academic year - some very good friendship groups were formed last term
- Well attended social events and opportunities to chat and build relationships
- Successful and smooth building work, resulting in some much improved rooms, now compliant with new legislation

### **Please pray for:**

- New arrivals this term - to settle quickly and make friends
- Good relationships to form rapidly - with the average length of stay now about 5 months, it doesn't leave much time for forming deep relationships in which the gospel can be shared
- Safety during more building work starting this month and planning of further work to be carried out in the summer

## WHATS ON ...

### **Lunch Club, Thursday 16th January 12.30pm**

A two course cooked lunch is served in the Jubilee Hall, followed by a short talk. Jane Benyon, Director of the Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank will speak about the work of the Oxford food bank. This is mainly for the retired but all are welcome. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or phone Elizabeth Gittins on 553 100 or Sarah Burton on 556 400.

### **Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water Saturday 18th January 9.15am**

This is the next 'STAR retired network' workshop. Jonathan Lamb will speak on maintaining spiritual growth as we grow older. Please register online [standrewsoxford.org/starworkshop](http://standrewsoxford.org/starworkshop), sign up at church, or call 01865311212.

### **Big Questions in Life: Am I Just My Brain? Sunday 19th January 6pm**

Invite your friends as we consider with Dr. Sharon Dirckx the big question of who we really are – is there more to us than our brains? This is the first of a new series in 2020 where we will consider topical questions. Great for those who might not normally come to church.

### **Annual Childrens, Youths and Families Training Day Saturday 25th January 9.30am–3.30pm**

For all leaders and helpers involved in children and young peoples work. Come and be refreshed and pick up some great ideas for your ministry. Safeguarding training is available. Speak to Lesley for more information or sign up at [standrewsoxford.org](http://standrewsoxford.org).

### **Barn Dance, 8th February 6pm–10pm**

Bring your house group, family and friends for an evening of fun and fancy footwork. Sign up at [standrewsoxford.org](http://standrewsoxford.org) or through the office.

### **Women's Weekend, 28th February–1st March**

Will take place at Walton Hall Hotel in Warwickshire. Book online at [standrewsoxford.org](http://standrewsoxford.org).

### **Ash Wednesday and Lent Course, March–April**

A Lent course will be held on the six Wednesday evenings following Ash Wednesday, 26th February.

## COMMIT TO PRAYER

*Thank you for taking part in the Week of Prayer 2020. Continue your commitment to prayer at the:*

*Weekly Friday morning prayer meeting at 7.30am*

*Monthly Prayer & Praise meeting on the first Monday of the month at 8pm.*

*Weekly Cutteslowe prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8am and on the third Saturday of the month at 8am.*

## JOIN A HOUSE GROUP

*Are you a part of a house group? If not, the new year is a good opportunity to join one.*

### **What is a house group?**

*House groups are one of the main ways in which we can be encouraged and supported by others in our Christian life and discipleship. They are a vital part of our church family life.*

*The groups meet in homes of our church members on different days of the week (usually in the evening, but a few groups meet in the morning).*

### **How do I join?**

*New members are always very welcome. Contact Paul White [paul.white@standrewsoxford.org](mailto:paul.white@standrewsoxford.org), 01865314862 if you would like to know more.*

## WELCOME HAMPER CONTRIBUTIONS

*We'd love to put a welcome hamper together to help Ryan, our new Youth Pastor, and his family settle into Oxford. Gifts of food and drink like biscuits, chocolate, nice cereals, tea or coffee as well as welcome cards would be really gratefully received. Please bring gifts and put them in the blue box at the back of church. The last collection day will be Sunday 26th January.*

*Any questions please speak to James or Cheryl Dwyer.*

## OPERATIONS TEAM VACANCY

*St Andrew's is looking to hire a Facilities Manager, full time (40 hours a week). Advert and job details are available on the church website.*

## BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH

*We encourage you to bring your own bible to church.*

*Church bibles are also available from the shelves by the old font on the north side of the church, and by the double doors on the south side of the church.*

*Please pick one up before the service and replace it at the end.*

## WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

We are delighted that Anne Dorman started as our part-time administrator last week.

We are also excited to have Ryan Torrie as our new youth pastor. A greeting from the family follows below:



*“We are the Torrie family – Ryan, Jackie, Joshua and Caragh. We are very excited to have immigrated to Oxford from Zimbabwe. We have a love for the outdoors and have already enjoyed exploring this amazing city on many a long walk. I am so looking forward to taking up my new role as Youth Pastor and getting to know you all and being part of the St Andrew's family.”*

## P R A Y E R F O C U S

Becky Hudson

For elderly or frail people who can no longer get to church.

Judy Coates

Daniel Maughan

For all those recently bereaved.

James Bastin

David Keene, for miraculous healing.

David Cundy